additional expenditure will have to be incurred. The majority does not do any good, nor does it do any harm. I understand from the Hon'ble Member for Muslims that the change does not make any real difference in the working of the Committee. He was also a Member of the Standing Finance Committee. That is what we were saying.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—That is exactly what we also were saying. One more or one less does not make any difference.

Deputy President.—Shall I put it to votes?

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I do not press.

The resolution was, with leave, withdrawn.

7. Azhikode—Kara—Kothaparambu Road.

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—ഇതവതരിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിൽ എന്റെ ചുമതലനിർവ്വഹിക്കണമെന്നേയുള്ളൂ. ഫലസിദ്ധിയുണ്ടാകുമെന്നുദ്ദേശിച്ചിട്ടില്ല. എന്റെ നിയോജകമണ്ഡലത്തിൽ ഏറ്റവും അത്യാവശ്യം ഗതാഗതസൗകര്യമാണ്. അതിൽതന്നെ അത്യാവശ്യമായിട്ടുള്ളവ മാത്രമെ ഇവിടെ കൊണ്ടുവരുന്നുള്ളൂ. ലോകമലേശ്വരം ഡ്രൈനേജ്കനാലിനെ അലോട്ട്ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്ന സംഖ്യ ഈ ആവശ്യത്തിനുപയോഗിച്ചാൽ നന്നു. അവിടെയാണെങ്കിൽ വാഹനസൗകര്യമില്ല. ചുട്ടുപഴുത്ത മണലിൽ കൂടി നടക്കുവാനും സാദ്ധ്യമല്ല. ഫ്ലഡ്-ൽ ഇതിനൊരു സംഖ്യയുണ്ട്. ബാക്കിവേണ്ടത് ചീഫ് എഞ്ചിനീയരും മറ്റും ആലോചിച്ചു നോക്കിയാൽ കൊള്ളാം. കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിൽ പണമില്ലെന്നുപറയുമെന്നു എനിക്കറിയാം. അതിനുള്ള നിവാരണമാർഗ്ഗവും എന്റെ ബഡ്ജറ്റ് പ്രസംഗത്തിൽ ഞാൻ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടു ഒന്നുകിൽ അവകാശമുള്ളവകകൊടുക്കുക. അല്ലെങ്കിൽ മുൻസിപ്പാലിറ്റിനു കൊടുക്കുന്നതുപോലെ ഒരു കോൺട്രിബ്യൂഷൻ കൊടുക്കുക. അതുമില്ലെങ്കിൽ ഒരു ലോൺ എങ്കിലും കൊടുക്കുക. ഇതിലേതെങ്കിലും ഒന്നു ചെയ്യണമെന്നാണപേക്ഷ. ഞാൻ എന്റെ കർത്തവ്യം നിർവ്വഹിക്കുന്നുണ്ടെന്നു എന്റെ നിയോജകമണ്ഡലം അറിയുവാനാണ് ഈ പ്രമേയം അവതരിപ്പിക്കുന്നത്. ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിനു വേണ്ടതു പ്രവൃത്തിക്കുമെന്നു എനിക്കുവിശ്വാസമില്ല. ഇനിഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിന്റെ ഇഷ്ടംപോലെ ചെയ്യുക എന്നുമാത്രം പറഞ്ഞുകൊണ്ടു ഈ പ്രമേയത്തെ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.—

"അഴിക്കോട്-കാര-കോതപറമ്പ് റോഡ് കല്ലിട്ടതല്ലിതാഗതസൗകര്യം വർദ്ധിപ്പിക്കാത്തതുകൊണ്ടു കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂർ താലൂക്കിലേയും എടവിലങ്ങു വില്ലേജിലേയും നിവാസികൾക്കുള്ള അസഹനീയങ്ങളായ ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുകളെ രേഖപ്പെടുത്തുകയും പ്രസ്തുതറോഡിന്റെ പണി ഫ്ലഡ്-മാണ്ടിൽതന്നെ ആരംഭിച്ചുകഴിയും വേഗത്തിൽ പൂർത്തിയാക്കി പൊതുജന സങ്കടത്തെ പരിഹരിക്കണമെന്നു ഈ കൌൺസിൽ ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിനോടു അപേക്ഷിക്കുകയുംചെയ്യുന്നു."

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Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Sir, I second the resolution. In doing so, I want to bring to the notice of this House the great difficulties experienced by the people of Cranganur owing to the lack of convenient means of communication in that principality. With regard to the Azhikode-Kara road, I may inform this House that some of the Hon'ble Members on the other side should have realised the impossibility of walking along that road after 9 a. m. I specifically remember an instance of the Hon'ble Member for Education having traversed that part of the road intervening between the Azhikode Jetty and Azhikode Primary School about 20 years ago, when I was a boy of 10, in the company of Mr. Pope who was the then Director of Education, and it was really a very painful sight to see that European gentleman in the company of the Director of Education panting and showing all kinds of uneasiness on reaching the Primary School. They were wearing boots, but all the same to "wade" through burning and shifty sands was really a job impossible for ordinary people to accomplish. I request the Government to consider this point sympathetically and commence the work without any delay in the year 1105. The suggestion of the Member for Cranganur that the amount allotted for a drainage canal is not absolutely necessary and may be diverted for the purpose of road-construction may be readily accepted by the Government. With these words, Sir, I second the resolution.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Sir, the cost of metalling the Azhikode-Kara road is roughly estimated to be about Rs. 14,000. As in all the other works in Cranganur, it is a question of funds. It is not possible to allot funds for works which we very much wish to do in Cranganur. Now this resolution says that we should take up this work in 1105, but we have already started the work in 1104. We have also diverted the amount, which was budgetted for a drainage canal in Lokamaleswaram this year, for metalling a portion of the Azhikode-Kara road. We shall do all that is possible to hasten and complete this work as funds permit.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I was sorry that I shall not be able to make one or two remarks about the Cranganur Principality. When we are dealing with any other part of Cochin State, we do not consider the income derived from that part of the State. But a portion of the money is utilised for expenditure there whenever necessity arises. For example, certain taluks yield more income than certain others, but without considering the proportion of the contribution to the income from the respective taluks, wherever necessity arises, money is spent. That is the general principle. We are placed in a very awkward position, so far as Cranganur is concerned; I may say,

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the position is hopeless and untenable. Now, when they come and when they give us sufficient evidence of the impossibility of having even the ordinary amenities of life, while we fully recognise their grievances, we find ourselves in a difficulty for want of funds. But I do not see the same difficulty, so far as any other part of Cochin State proper is concerned. Now, I ask, is it proper, even when any such necessity arises,—I know the road myself; it is hopeless to walk through it in the afternoon—is it proper for our State to say "you are a poor relation; we cannot help you; if you have got money, we will do the work". I think it is an untenable position. We must realise that this is a sort of compartmental arrangement which must be given up, so that the Chief Engineer or the other Departmental Heads may have the facility to make the necessary recommendation to the Government for absolutely necessary public works. The Government does not say that their demand is unreasonable; the House does not say that it is unreasonable. We all sympathise and we all realise that the Member is right when he presses this question. I do not know how to get over this difficulty. The Chief Engineer is very sympathetic, but he says "where is the fund." They have not got any fund in their coffers nor is it likely for some years to come. Then, how are you going to do that? Are you going to neglect a portion of the Cochin State? It is practically like a part of the State, since you are ruling over it, and it must be considered to be a portion of Cochin State. What is your moral right in saying that 'we won't be able to render you any help' when you are ruling over it? What is the difference between Cranganur and Chittur or Irinjalakkuda for the matter of that?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—That is the question.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—We are also classed as Cranganur. That was our complaint. Chittur is a part of the State and is never cared for. I am thankful to the Chief Engineer for saying so. There is a dispute going on between Cranganur and Chittur as to which is the Cinderella of the State. The Chittur people claim that honour, and the Cranganur people say they have that honour.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—So far as this matter is concerned, the question is one of funds, and for the purpose of raising funds, I will make a suggestion. Why not we open a toll-gate on the road?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Where?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Suppose you are constructing a road from one end to the other. Is it not the idea? There is no toll-gate there. Wherever we open roads, buses will follow, I can

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assure you. One bus means two or three hundred rupees to the Government. If you have got four buses running, it will fetch Rs. 1,000. Then there will be rickshaws and other carriages. There are no carriages there now because there are no roads. I suppose, if you give facilities, then the people will use vehicles. I would suggest this idea. You will work it out, and if you find you can get about Rs.800 or Rs. 1,000 a year, that will be sufficient for the opening of some roads. There is no use simply saying "we cannot do that because we have no funds."

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Where is the capital to come from?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—That is what I am saying. It is for the Government to consider. Whatever proposal you bring here, so far as we are concerned, we will not be so very Shylockean. Whatever generous proposition you may bring forward so far as Cranganur is concerned, we will only be too ready to help the Government. This is a vexed problem in the State, and we must get over this difficulty.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sir, I also rise to support this proposition not in a Shylockean spirit, but in a very liberal spirit. Even Shylock was liberal because he gave money to Antonio. He got some advice, but he did not get the money back.

Apart from that, there is this aspect to be considered. The road going through a part of Cranganur benefits the State roads as well. Therefore, if that road is a continuation road, then no question of funds should arise. If it is a continuation road, the State should construct the road. At the most what will be the contribution that will have to be made by the State? It will only be an adjustment of figures. No money of Cranganur ever goes into the Cranganur Treasury as a separate money.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—It is in the Cranganur Treasury.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—But the keys are with you, the scissors are with you, the money is with you, the bags and everything, so that all their income is part of our income, although we keep separate accounts for the purpose of knowing what amount goes into that Principality. Excepting that, it is part and parcel of our State as far as our laws are concerned and other administrative matters are concerned. Our officers are transferred to that place, and they are transferred from that place to our place. Till I entered into the politics of the Cochin State, my idea was that Cranganur was only a Taluk and not a Principality at all. But now, of course, I know all about that. These old differences have become practically meaningless. I say, funds must be found from our surpluses or from the Cranganur surpluses. What is the difficulty to give them their needs? There is practi-

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cally no difficulty. Sometimes you may have to advance money. Once all their needs are met, there will be still money, there or money can be made as a sinking fund and taken back to our account.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Principality is financially autonomous. We have to account for them.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—We have to account for them. Are we to keep back the balance of the money in our hands? It is to be kept for them and for their use,and we cannot take a pie out of it.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know what is the stipulated period within which we have to hand back this money?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—We have to use it for their purpose and with their sanction.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Their sanction is also required?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Even for a road?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Chief's sanction.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Just as we take sanction from His Highness so far as our budget is concerned, we have to get the sanction of the Chief so far as Cranganur is concerned.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—As a matter of dignity or formality or whatever it is, that is the fact. But, if their Chief wants a road or he is for it, should we not at least give him help by advancing some money or in any other way?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—So that, we can advance some money from our State to the Chief when such public utility works are concerned, and afterwards recover it as from a debtor, and if the income of the Principality is not sufficient to take back our money, we can take a portion of the Principality afterwards for the money. Therefore, there is no difficulty either way. Give them their needs, and, if necessary, advance a lakh of rupees to that Treasury and afterwards recover it little by little. We have got ample security as the Principality itself is with us.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The State cannot do that—advance money, involve the Principality and take it up.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The State is adviser to the Chief, and, therefore, when we are satisfied that there is absolute necessity for a work of public utility, then I say that will be a proper case to incur a debt.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—As the Member for Cranganur said, if we are wise in distributing this expenditure to the more necessary works, we can do a good deal, for

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example, diverting the fund for the canal and doing this work or stopping the work for the compound wall of the dispensary and doing this.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Quite right:

ഡെപ്യൂട്ടിപ്രസിഡെണ്ട്.—വോട്ടുചെയ്യണൊ, കനാലിന്റെ കാര്യംനോക്കിയിട്ട തരമുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ഇതിലേക്കെടുക്കാമെന്നു പറയുന്നുണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—വോട്ടാവശ്യമില്ല.

The resolution was, withdrawn, with leave.

8. Forest and Tramway Departments.

The resolution of Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyâr that "this Council recommends to the Government that a committee composed of five Members including the Conservator of Forests and four others elected from among the Members of the Council be appointed to investigate into the working of the Forest and Tramway Departments and to suggest improvements in the same" was considered withdrawn, as the Member was absent.

9. Quantity of fuel consumed.

Deputy President.—Resolution No. 9, Mr. Ramachandra Ayyar.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Sir, I beg to move the following resolution:—

"This Council recommends to the Government that necessary steps be taken to collect information as to (a) the quantity of fuel that is being consumed by the State by (1) Factories, (2) the general public for domestic purposes, (3) the quantity that is supplied to Railways by Government or by other private bodies and the quantity of fuel that is otherwise exported outside the State, (b) the quantity of fuel that will be available from the State Forests annually without depleting the State Forests."

ഇതിന്റെ ഉദ്ദേശത്തെപ്പറ്റി വലിയ പ്രസംഗമൊന്നുമാവശ്യമില്ല. വിറകുപയോഗിക്കുന്ന കമ്പനികൾ (ഓട്ടുകമ്പനികൾ, നെയ്ത്തുകമ്പനികൾ മുതലായവ) വർഷാവർഷം വളരെ കാടുകറഞ്ഞുവരുന്നു. മേലിൽ വിറകു എവിടെനിന്നു കിട്ടുമെന്നു അറിവാൻ പാടില്ല. കല്ക്കരി ഉപയോഗിപ്പാൻ തരവുമില്ല. ഈ നിലയ്ക്കു ഫ ള കൊല്ലംകൊണ്ടു വിറകു തീരെ ഇല്ലാതാകും. കണക്കറിഞ്ഞാൽ ഫ ൦ ൦ ഏക്കർ വീതം ഒരു കൊല്ലത്തേക്കു കൊടുത്താൽ വീണ്ടും ഫ ള കൊല്ലം കഴിയുമ്പോൾ മരങ്ങൾ വളർന്നുവരും. ഇതു സർക്കാരുമ്മേണ്ടു ഗാഢമായി ആലോചിച്ചു ഇതിനു ഒരു തീരുമാനമുണ്ടാക്കേണമെന്നു അപേക്ഷിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു ഇതിനെ അവതരിപ്പിക്കുന്നു.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—I second it.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—I oppose the resolution, because it is not possible to get a correct account of the quantity of fuel that may be necessary for the whole State. As for the quantity consumed by the factories in the State, we have no means of ascertaining the quantity that is consumed by each

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